Allocation norms of SCSP and TSP

4201. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is following the allocation norms of Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan (SCSP) and Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) i.e. 16 per cent of total expenditure of every Ministry must be earmarked for Scheduled Castes and 8 per cent for Scheduled Tribes; and

(b) if so, the details therefor for the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) and (b) As per Planning Commission guidelines Central Ministries/ Departments are required to identify areas/schemes for formulation of Scheduled Castes Sub-Plan (SCSP) and Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) in order to enhance earmarking of funds as per population percentage. As per the Mid Term Appraisal of the Tenth Plan published in June 2005, 14 Central Ministries/Departments had been earmarking funds under Special Component Plan. As on 31 st of March, 2008, 20 Central Ministries/Departments have allocated funds under the Special Component Plan showing that efforts are being made to identify suitable schemes to suit the needs of the target groups. The guidelines also enjoin that the Central Ministries/Departments will be responsible for monitoring compliance with the SCSP/TSP component of Centrally Sponsored Schemes and that the Planning Commission shall monitor the progress of SCSP and TSP at the time of the half yearly and annual performance reviews of the Ministries/Departments. Specific details of such allocations made by Central Ministries/Departments year-wise are not available with the Ministry.

Functioning of RRBs

4202. SHRI MOINUL HASSAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether he had observed in a meeting with the Chairman of all regional Rural Banks, (RRBs) that the RRBs should be run by RRB staff;

(b) what is the number of RRB-wise deputed officers with their respective cadres and amount of salary, T.A. etc. being spent by each such RRB; and

(c) how many deputed officers in the RRBs are in the year of their retirement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

Cash Reserve Ratio of RRBs

4203. SHRI MOINUL HASSAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) being deposited by the Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI);

(b) whether RBI had been paying interest on CRR exceeding 3 per cent to RRBs;

(c) what is the cost of deposit for the RRBs; and

(d) what is the financial loss of the RRBs for non-payment of interest by RBI on CRR exceeding 3 per cent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) are required to deposit in the form